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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE

1. EUR INVITES US TO REPEAT FOR YOUR INFORMATION CABLE THEY HAVE SENT TO HARTMAN WHICH GIVES HIM ELEMENTS FOR A FINAL STATEMENT OR COMMUNIQUE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER 1 MEETING WITH GROMYKO. JIM HAS LOOKED AT BI-LATERAL, CW AND ENMOD ASPECTS. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SALT OR TTBT ENTRIES, BUT WISH TO NOTE THAT THEY ARE DELIBERATELY DESIGNED TO PUT POSITIVE GLOSS ON THE DISCUSSION, BUT MAY GO TOO FAR IN THAT DIRECTION -- SPECIFICALLY THE SALT ITEMS -- WITH RISK OF STIMULATING FRESH SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT WILL ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. US-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE SIDES RE-AFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP FURTHER THEIR RELATIONS IN THE DIRECTION DEFINED BY THE FUNDAMENTAL JOINT UNDERTAKINGS AND BASIC TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS
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CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO STATES IN RECENT YEARS. THESE

JOINT ACTIONS ARE A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FURTHER PROGRESS
TOWARD IMPROVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. SALT II. THE SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR MUTUAL INTENTION
TO STRIVE FOR COMPLETION OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION
OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS ON THE BASIS OF THE UNDER-
STANDING REACHED AT VLADIVOSTOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
BEFORE EXPIRATION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT
TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

4. FUTURE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED
THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS,
AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A NEW AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION
OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF
ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE LIMITA-
TION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS. (THIS MAKES PUBLIC
AN AGREED PROVISION OF THE SALT JOINT DRAFT TEXT.)

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION (ENMOD). THE
SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE TRANSMISSION BY THE
CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TEXT OF A CONVENTION
PROHIBITING HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
TECHNIQUES IN A MANNER THAT HAS WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING,
OR SEVERE EFFECTS. NOTING THAT THE CONVENTION WAS BASED
ON A US-SOVIET DRAFT TEXT, THE SIDES AGREED TO WORK FOR
BROAD APPROVAL OF THE CONVENTION.

6. CHEMICAL WEAPONS LIMITATIONS. THE SIDES NOTED WITH
SATISFACTION THE HOLDING OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
THE US AND USSR ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO CHEMI-
CAL WEAPONS LIMITATIONS. RECALLING THEIR PLEDGE TO
DEVELOP A JOINT INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA, THE SIDES
INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TECHNICAL DIS-
CUSSIONS TO BROADEN AREAS OF AGREEMENT.

7. NUCLEAR TEST BANS. THE SIDES NOTED WITH GREAT
SATISFACTION THE SUBMISSION FOR RATIFICATION IN BOTH
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COUNTRIES OF THE TREATIES ON THE LIMITATION OF UNDER-
GROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE SIDES CONSIDER THE
TREATIES TO BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP REFLECTING THE DETER-
MINATION OF THE PARTIES TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL TEST EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME. (THIS REAFFIRMS A COMMITMENT OF
THE PARTIES IN THE 1963 LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY WHICH

WAS AGAIN REPEATED IN THE TTBT.)

8. ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR DETER-
MINATION TO CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO FURTHER
EXPANSION OF US-SOVIET TRADE. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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